

REMARKS

As filed, the Application included claims 1-14, no claims were added by preliminary amendment, and no claims stand withdrawn from consideration. New claims 15 and 16 were previously added during prosecution. Hence, the Application now includes claims 1-16 for examination. In view of the following, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

The undersigned appreciates Examiner Foreman's availability for the telephone conference of April 16, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1–11, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fawzi, et al. The independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to more clearly distinguished over Fawzi et al. The remaining rejected claims are dependent on the amended independent claims. It is respectfully submitted in light of the amendments to the independent claims that all of these rejected pending claims are allowable over the above-noted rejection. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-16 stand rejected as judicial double patenting over Alferness et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,491,706. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is being filed in conjunction with this paper to over come the judicial double patenting rejection.

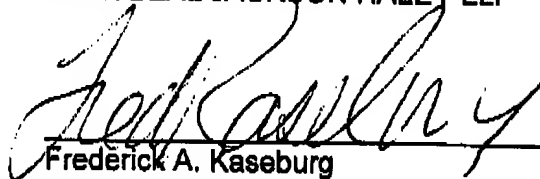
CONCLUSION

Original claims 1-14 and previously added claims 15 and 16 remain in the application, and have been presented here for examination. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance.

By the foregoing, this paper responds fully to all of the concerns expressed in the Office Action, and has demonstrated that each of the pending claims is in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, a phone call to the undersigned at (425) 455-5575 is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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